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SUBJECT: PANAMANIAN CANDIDACY FOR PAHO POSITION

1. ON SEPTEMBER 19, SOURCE CLOSE TO PANAMANIAN MINISTER OF HEALTH DISCUSSED FORTHCOMING PAHO MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON WITH CHIEF OF USAID/PANAMA HEALTH AND POPULATION OFFICE. WE WERE INFORMED THAT DR. SAIED, MINISTER OF HEALTH, WILL HEAD PANAMANIAN DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON MEETING. PANAMA, IT WAS STATED, IS ONE OF TWO CANDIDATES, OTHER BEING ARGENTINA, FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF PAHO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. PANAMA STRONGLY HOPED FOR U.S. SUPPORT OF ITS ELECTION TO THIS POSITION.

2. CHIEF OF HEALTH AND POPULATION OFFICE HAS MEETING WITH MINISTER ON MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 22, AND WE EXPECT THAT MINISTER WILL AGAIN RAISE MATTER WITH US AT THAT TIME.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S ADVICE ASAP AS TO WHETHER U.S. HAS DECIDED ITS POSITION ON THIS ELECTION. WE FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL, BOTH IN CEMENTING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN USAID AND MOH, AND IN TERMS OF OVERALL ATMOSPHERE OF U.S.-PANAMA RELATIONS AT THIS TIME, IF WE COULD INFORM MINISTER OF U.S. SUPPORT IN THIS ELECTION.

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